

BONANZA

BUTTE, MONTANA JULY 10-12, 2009

Music and dance from across America.

and hear the nation's finest traditional artists on six stages, from legendary masters to dynamic young performers. Here's just a sampling of the 30 groups appearing at the 71st National Folk Festival in 2009:

CHICAGO BLUES

This 71-year-old Mississippi-born bluesman is the real deal, delivering classic Chicago blues at its raucous, house-rocking best.



IRISH

In a rare ensemble appearance, a formidable quartet of Irish masters pay tribute to the great New York players who shaped their music.



ZIMBABWEAN CHIMURENGA

Blending traditional shona melodies, rock instrumentation and social consciousness, "the lion of Zimbabwe" created a legend that inspired a nation.



CAJUN

America's premier Cajun band and the leading ambassador for Cajun music around the world.



COLOMBIAN VALLENATO

The pulsing cumbia beat is just one of tropical rhythms of this steamy, accordion-led dance music from the northern coast of Colombia.



BLUEGRASS

Teenage mandolin wiz and Alison Krauss protégé is creating a stir in the bluegrass world with her dynamic picking and lively voice. Her principles are the hallmark of this exciting and athletic tradition when done right.



MAMBOANCE

Fast-paced, toe-tapping, infectious rhythms, and breathtaking principles are the hallmark of this exciting and athletic tradition when done right.



TAMBURITZA
Young virtuosos of this complex and exciting string music of the Balkan region.



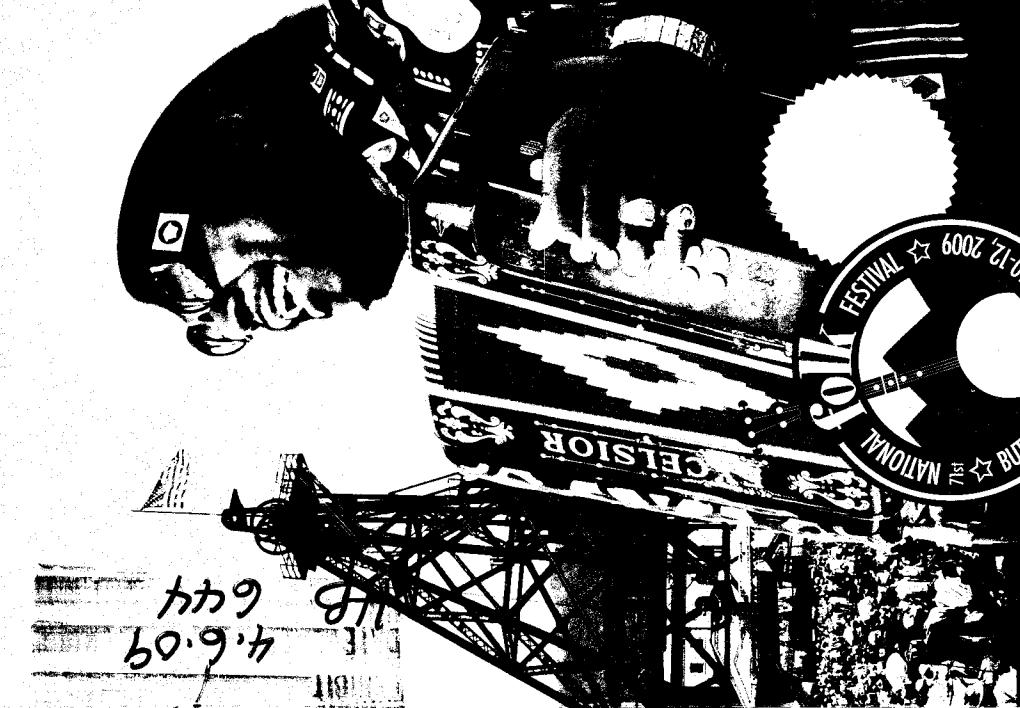
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THE 71ST NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL



FRIDAY: 6:00 - 10:30 PM
SATURDAY: NOON - 10:30 PM
SUNDAY: NOON - 6:00 PM

Admission to the festival and musical performances is FREE. Food and craft items are available for purchase. Festival food and beverage gardens open one hour prior to festival times.



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HORSEAROUND

Culture of the horse in the American West.

This year, the Montana Folklife Area celebrates the role of the horse in western culture. From the ranch to the rodeo to the reservation, enter the world of cowboys and vaqueros, packers and teamsters, breeders and bronc riders as they share their craft traditions, skills, poetry, songs and stories. There'll be horse training, ranch roping and trick roping sessions, and master craftspeople demonstrating saddle making, rawhide braiding, boot and hat making, blacksmithing, bit and spur engraving, and fine beadwork and quillwork. Meet the breeds: the Spanish Barb, the Appaloosa, the Quarter Horse, plus draft horses and mules. Don't miss the American Indian horse parade with elaborately outfitted horses and riders that will kick off the festival!



A large-scale, FREE three-day event, the National Folk Festival features over 250 of the nation's finest traditional performers and craftspeople whose artistry expresses the richness and variety of American culture. With continuous performances on six stages, the music never stops. You can dance 'til you drop, engage with master craftspeople demonstrating their skills, shop the Montana and First Peoples' Marketplaces and enjoy delicious food available throughout the festival.

A multicultural mosaic of music, crafts, food and more

WHIPPER SNAPPER

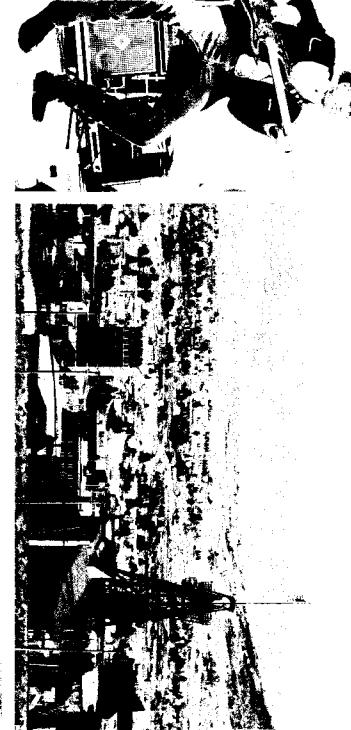
Fun stuff for folks of all ages.



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